

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kristi Bruther, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Joseph Ault was absent.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

No one requested to speak.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the October 20, 2014 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all matters listed under old business by title only. This motion was seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No. 14-13 A Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area and Designating a Tax Abatement for Faulkenberg Printing (EDC 2014-05) (Title Amended)
- Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Community Development Director Linke appeared before the Council to present Resolution 14-13 - A Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area and

Designating a Tax Abatement for Faulkenberg Printing (EDC 2014-05). Ms. Linke stated that the abatement of real property tax for the property described as Exhibit "A" shall extend for a period of 3 years with a 2% Economic Development Fee. The abatement of personal property tax shall extend for a period of 5 years with a 2% Economic Development Fee. Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public comments. No one requested to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve Resolution 14-13 as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No. 14-15 A Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area and Designating a Tax Abatement for Countertop Connections (EDC 2014-06) (Title Amended) - Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Community Development Director Linke appeared before the Council to present Resolution 14-15 - A Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area and Designating a Tax Abatement for Countertop Connections (EDC 2014-06). Ms. Linke stated that the abatement of real property tax for the property described as Exhibit "A" will extend for a period of 5 years with a 2% Economic Development Fee. Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public comments. No one asked to speak. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve Resolution 14-15 as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

2015 Holiday Schedule

Mayor McGuinness presented the 2015 holiday schedule for consideration and stated that there are no new days added or days deleted. He explained that that neither municipal election days were scheduled, but heard from some that in the past election days were included when the election is a municipal election. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander offered that the County has approved Primary and General Election days as approved holidays. Discussion held. The consensus was to move forward with the schedule as originally presented by the Mayor without changes.

Other Business

Mayor McGuinness informed the Council that four Council appointments are up which should be discussed and decided upon by January, 2015. He provided the names and boards for the Council's consideration. Mr. Henderson stated that he would like to remain on RDC. Mr. Austin stated that he would like to remain on Plan Commission. No official action was taken.

Council Comments

Councilor Rob Henderson provided updates from the RDC. He stated that the RDC funded \$1,600 for parking study and funded a portion of the local match for a bridge study, design, etc. If there are concerns, he requested feedback in advance of the next RDC meeting which is scheduled for November 18, 2014.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 11/13/2014

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer